

Redistricting: Candidate Filing Requirements

Reapportionment will result in district number changes and also different geographic boundaries for some elective offices. As a result, candidates and incumbents may need to amend or file new campaign disclosure forms. This fact sheet provides general guidance on campaign reporting requirements related to reapportionment.

In general, if a candidate/incumbent continues in the same elective office and reapportionment results only in a district number change, the candidate/incumbent only needs to file an amendment to certain campaign forms. Alternatively, if a candidate/incumbent seeks a different office, a new committee, bank account, and new forms must be established.

Candidates are only allowed one committee and one bank account for each office. If you have questions that are not covered in this fact sheet, please seek advice from the Commission.

1. State and Local Candidates

Q. What is required if the current district I am seeking or holding is renumbered? (e.g. SD 2 is renumbered to SD 3, city council District 1 is renumbered to District 2)

- Amend the Form 501 (Statement of Intention)
- Amend the Form 410 (Statement of Organization)
- Bank Account: No change required

Q. What is required if the current district number remains the same but the boundaries of my district change?

- Form 501 (Statement of Intention): No change required
- Form 410 (Statement of Organization): No change required
- Bank Account: No change required

Q. What is required if I decide to seek election to a different office? (e.g. Senate office instead of an Assembly office)

- File a new Form 501 (Statement of Intention)
- File a new Form 410 (Statement of Organization)
- Establish a new bank account

2. State Candidates Only

Transfer Prescribed in Government Code Section 85306 (LIFO/FIFO method)

A state candidate/incumbent that chooses to seek a different office may transfer funds from the campaign committee established for the current office to the new committee for the new office. The transfer of funds must be attributed using the accounting method prescribed in Government Code Section 85306 (LIFO/FIFO method). For example, a candidate has a 2012 Assembly committee and decides not to seek that office but seek a Senate office in 2014. The treasurer may transfer funds to

the Senate committee using a LIFO/FIFO method of allocation. Note: Restrictions apply to transfers between committees when committee funds are surplus.

Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling Designation - (VEC)

When a candidate amends a Form 501 (Statement of Intention) because his/her district number changed, the candidate may also revise the designation of the Voluntary Expenditure Ceiling (VEC). The VEC designation can also be changed if the district's boundaries changed.

For example, in January 2011 a candidate for an Assembly District began raising money for the 2012 election. The candidate accepted the VEC on the Form 501. Prior to August 2011, the candidate twice amended the Form 501 to reject and then accept the VEC. After reapportionment, the district number changed as well as the boundaries of the office. The candidate must amend the Form 501 to show the new district number and VEC designation.

For purposes of the VEC, an amendment to the Form 501 to change the district number is considered an initial declaration. Therefore, the candidate may amend the Form 501, to change the designation of the VEC, twice before the election as long as the candidate has also not exceeded the expenditure limit. (Section 85401.)